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Dear Mr. Moore:

I recently purchased a copy of your book on the JFK assassination, Conspiracy of One (1990 edition), and I've been reading and re-reading it. (And it's inspired me to reread some of the conspiracy-theory books on the subject in my library.)

At present, I don't want to bore you with the history of my own interest in the subject or my opinions (if indeed I have any) about the matter.

But I will say that, while you might possibly be correct in your opinion that Oswald was the lone assassin, I don't think your book is quite as "definitive"

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as you and/or your publisher claim it is.

For one thing, I think you use too many pieces of evidence without addressing the criticisms of that evidence already made by conspiracy theorists. (Yes, you sometimes acknowledge and respond to points made by conspiracy theorists, but sometimes you don't.)

You also use some specious arguments to make certain points you wish to make.

I might well go into detail about such matters in later letters, but I want to keep this letter fairly short, and so I'm only going to mention one specific matter in this letter.

On page 211, you have a question for the conspiracy theorists. You write,

"Why do they not mention the tests ^{that} prove a Maunlicher-Carcano bullet can penetrate two feet of pine and emerge intact?"

That is a very interesting, and perhaps important, question.

But I have a question for you: Why should I believe that any such tests have proven any such thing? Or, to put it another, possibly less annoying, way: How do you know ~~that~~ any such tests have proven any such thing? I do not see any footnote for that sentence, Mr. Moore. Nor have I noticed any reference in your text to any source for that information. (If I have somehow managed to overlook such a reference somewhere else in your book, please forgive me.)

In any case, would you please tell me your source for that information?

I'm enclosing an S.A.S.E. to facilitate your reply.

Copies to:
Everyone in
the world.

Yours truly,

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P.S. Please don't assume that I'm picking on you, Mr. Moore. In rereading books by various conspiracy theorists, I've also noticed some specious arguments, arguments which ignore some of the evidence, ~~which~~ and factual ~~inaccuracies~~ ^{inaccuracies}, not to mention the contradictions between the ^{different} conspiracy theorists, such as Groom and Livingstone, Biekey and Billings, Liffon, and Oglesby.